(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम) : (क) और (ख) इस प्रकार के मुलायम चमड़े को भारतीय व्यापार वर्गीकरण (समेलित वस्तु वर्णन तथा कोडिंग व्यवस्था पर आधारित) में वर्गीकरण के लिये विशेष रूप से अभिज्ञात नहीं किया गया है। तथापि, यह बताया जा सकता है कि यथा संशोधित दिनांक 1.3.94 को सीमाशुल्क छूट अधिसूचना सं० 39/94 के द्वारा वेट ब्ल्यू, क्रोम टैन्ड चमड़ा, क्रस्ट चमड़ा तथा उपर्युक्त के टुकड़े तथा किनारी सहित सभी प्रकार तैयार चमड़े पर आयात शुल्क से पूर्ण छूट दी गई है।

Non payment of wages by tea gardens under TTCI

6754. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the tea gardens under the TTCI in Darjeeling are not getting the wages and salaries for their workers and employees for many weeks together;

(b) if so, what is the position till April, 1995;

(c) what are the reasons for these non-payments; and

(d) when this outstanding payment will be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Position regarding outstanding salary/wages of workers in respect of tea gardens owned by TTCI as on 1st May, 1995 is indicated in the statement. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Gardens owned by TTCI have been maling consistent losses which have been mounting. TTCI is therefore facing an acute financial crunch. Monthly income generated by these gardens has not been sufficient to meet the expenditure on account of salaries/wages of workers.

In view of the consistent losses, it has been decided to dispose of all the five gardens owned by TTCI through outright sale. Outstanding liabilities on account of salaries/wages of the workers will be met by TTCI Ltd., out of receipt of sale proceeds of the gardens.

Statement

Outstanding Salaries/Wages (Including Provident Fund) As on 1—5— 1995

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Tea Estate	Period for which outstanding	Amount
1.	Looksan T.E.	March & April, 95	14.4
2.	Pathini T.E.	Feb., March & April, 95	27.9
3.	Pashok T.E.	Jan., 95 to April, 95	25 40
4.	Vahtukvar T.E.	6 Months	27.60
5.	Potong T.E.	Jan. 95 to April 95	8.60